Beedi Workers in Andhra Pradesh

1837. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what are Government's plans to rehabilitate the thousands of beedi workers in Andhra Pradesh being thrown out of employment;

(b) to what extent has this situation arisen due to Government's support of Anti-Beedi Legislation;

(c) whether Government have weighed the consequences of such legislation; and

(d) if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (d) There are no reports of beedi workers of Andhra Pradesh being thrown out of employment due to the proposed legislation which envisages ban on advertising, control over use and sale of tobacco products at certain places and warning about the harmful effects of tobacco on health. It is felt that it may not significantly affect the employment situation in beedi industry for the present.

Beedi Workers affected due to Anti-Beedi Legislation

1838. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of beedi workers expected to be thrown out of employment due to proposed Anti-Beedi Legislation; and

(b) whether any State-wise organisations have been set up to identify and assist such unemployed beedi workers.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) It is felt that the proposed legislation seeking mainly to ban advertising of tobacco products etc. may not significantly affect employment situation in beedi industry for the present.

(b) Does not arise.

Welfare of Beedi Workers

1839. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have the modal responsibility for the welfare of beedi workers all over the country;

(b) if so, whether there are large number of welfare schemes for beedi workers;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government have made provision for providing unemployment financial assistance to lakhs of beedi workers for 1995-96; and

(d) the number of beedi workers who will be availing of this assistance due to ban on the sale of beedis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A statement showing the details of welfare schemes for beedi workers is given in Statement (*See* below).

(c) There is no provision for providing un-employment financial assistance to beedi workers.

(d) Does not arise. However there is no proposal to ban on the sale of beedis.

Statement

S. No.	Name of the Scheme
1	Static-cum-Mobile/Static Allopathic and Static Ayurvedic dispensaries for Beedi Workers.
2	Scheme for Reservation of Beds in T.B. Hospitals for Beedi Workers.
3	Scheme for Domiciliary Treatment of Beedi Workers.
4	Scheme for Treatment of Beedi Workers suffering from Cancer.
5	Scheme for Treatment of Beedi Workers suffering from Mental Diseases.
6	Scheme for Treatment of Beedi Workers (including Gharkhata Workers) suffering from Leprosy.
7	Grant of Financial Assistance to Beedi workers for purchases of Spectacles.
8	Maternity Benefit Scheme for Female Beedi Workers.
9	Scheme for payment of Monetary Compensation for Sterilisation to Beedi Workers.
10	Re-imbursement of expenditure as financial assistance to Beedi Workers in respect of Heart Diseases.
11	Re-imbursement of expenditure as financial assistance to Beedi Workers in respect of Kidney Transplantation.
	Social Security Scheme
1	Group Insurance Scheme for Beedi Workers.
	Housing
1	Build Your Own House Scheme for Beedi Workers.
2	Housing Scheme for Economically Weaker Section of Beedi Workers.

S. No.	Name of the Scheme
3	Grant of subsidy to Co-operative Societies of Beedi Industry for construction of worksheds and godowns.
4	Group Housing Scheme for Beedi Workers.

Education

1	Award of Scholarship to the children of Beedi Workers (including Gharkhata Beedi Workers).
2	Financial Assistance to the School going children of Beedi Workers for supply of one set of dress.

Recreation

1	Establishment of Audio Visual Sets/ Cinema Vans/Exhibition of films.
2	Organising Sports, Games, Social and Cultural Activities to Beedi Workers.
3	Holiday Home Scheme for Beedi Workers.
4	Supply of T.V. sets to the Beedi Co-operative Societies to Beedi Workers.

NDC Committee on Employment

1840. Dr. B. B. DUTTA : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) the major recommendations of the NDC Committee on Employment;

(b) the action taken by Government to implement these recommendations;

(c) whether Government are monitoring the implementation of NDC recommendations; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) The major recommendations of NDC Committee on Employment are given in the Statement (*See* below).

(b) The Planning Commission have forwarded all the recommendations to the Central Ministries, State Governments and Union Territory Administrations for their implementation.

(c) and (d) The Planning Commission is monitoring the implementations of the NDC recommendations

Statement

The major recommendations of the NDC Committee on Employment

(i) Besides creation of additional productive employment opportunities, the strategy should focus on augmentation of existing employment in terms of productivity and incomes.

(ii) The augmentation strategy is particularly useful in States where stimulation to agricultural growth, diversification of the economics on movement out of agriculture is needed. In States with higher agricultural productivity and more open unemployment, strategies favouring faster expansion of secondary and tertiary activities would be desirable. More specific strategies are called for in areas with special problems.

(iii) In the realm of sectoral strategies thrust areas should be diversification of agriculture, irrigation, stimulation to rural non-agricultural employment, small scale industries and cottage industries, large scale programmes of construction, faster growth of the services and the informal sector.

(iv) Vast regional variations in work requirements and structure, needs of women; marginal farmers and labourers etc. re-emphasise micro-planning.

(v) A three-pronged strategy for educated employment is needed comprising development of intensive sectors; promotion of self-employment, and raising responsiveness of education and training to labour-market.

(vi) A national wage policy may be evolved for removing irrigational and inequitious disparities in wages and salary levels and to induce efficiency, and for bringing unorganised sector within its purview.

(vii) Increase access of educated women to employment and training, creation of special calls/branches in banks to meet their credit needs and fixing for them a minimum coverage in self-emp'oyment.

(viii) A major re-structuring of on-going special programmes is needed significant part of rural development outlay may be utilised for building rural infrastructure. Redesigned and expanded programme of Integrated Development of Small and Medium Towns for generating wage employment in smaller towns may be taken up.

सिगरेट बनाने की योजना

1841. *श्री जनार्दन यादव : क्या श्रम मंत्री यह* बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार के पास बीड़ी के स्थान पर सिगरेट बनाने की कोई योजना विचाराधीन है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इससे कितने बीड़ी मजदूर के बेकार होने की संभावना है और क्या उनका समायोजन सिगरेट बनाने वाली फैक्टरियों में किया जायेगा ?